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SUBJECT: KAUNDA'S ALLEGED REMARKS

REF: YAOUNDE 1320

1. RADIO YAOUNDE BROADCAST AS SUMMARIZED PARA 1 REFTEL IS NOT RPT NOT CORRECT. KAUNDA DID NOT RPT NOT CITE DAVIS APPOINTMENT AS SHOWING HOW MUCH US ATTITUDES TOWARD AFRICA HAD CHANGED DURING PRESS CONFERENCE WASHINGTON. NOR ARE WE AWARE THAT HE MADE SUCH STATEMENT AT ANY TIME DURING COURSE OF WASHINGTON VISIT. FACT OF MATTER IS THAT, DESPITE KAUNDA'S CRITICISM OF SOME ASPECTS OF US POLICY TOWARD AFRICA DURING TOAST AT WHITE HOUSE, KAUNDA LEFT WASHINGTON PLEASED WITH VISIT AND TOOK OCCASION TO INVITE AMB. DAVIS TO VISIT ZAMBIA.

2. ONLY PUBLIC REFERENCE OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE WAS IN RESPONSE TO QUERY AT PRESS CONFERENCE WHETHER OAU HAD WITHDRAWN ADDIS RESOLUTION. KAUNDA TURNED TO FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA WHO INFORMED HIM "NO". AFTER PRESS CONFERENCE FONMIN MWAANGA ELABORATED TO SOME REPORTERS ALONG LINES THAT, ALTHOUGH ZAMBIA HAD MISGIVINGS ALONG WITH OAU, DAVIS IS NOW ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND GOZ IS
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PREPARED TO WORK WITH HIM AND GIVE HIM OPPORTUNITY TO

"PROVE HIMSELF".

3. FYI: RE PROPOSED TRIP, PRESIDENTS TOLBERT, BONGO
AND CHAIRMAN ACHEAMPONG HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO RECEIVE
DAVIS. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE DAVIS WILL MEET WITH
NYERERE (IN TEXAS). NO OBJECTION TO YOUR MENTIONING
THESE APPOINTMENTS PRIVATELY TO GURC IF YOU DEEM USEFUL. KISSINGER

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